

1311 SCOPE OF SERVICES FOR AGENCY WITH CHOICE

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Description

ALTCS members can direct care for the one or more of the following services under the Agency with Choice option.

1. Attendant Care
2. Personal Care
3. Homemaker
4. Habilitation (in-home/day)

If a member is unable to fulfill the co-employment roles and responsibilities for the above listed services on their own, an Individual Representative may be appointed to assist them in directing their care. If a member has a legal guardian, that guardian automatically serves in the capacity of an Individual Representative. The role of an Individual Representative is to act on the member's behalf in choosing and directing care, including representing the member during the service planning process and approving the service plan. R9-28-509 and Section 1915 (k) of the Social Security Act prohibit an Individual Representative from serving as a member's paid Direct Care Worker. For the purposes of this chapter, the term "member" means the member or the member's Individual Representative.

Amount, Duration and Scope

Refer to policies 1240-A and 1240-E of this manual for more detailed information about the services ALTCS members can direct under the Agency with Choice option. The number and frequency of authorized services are determined through an assessment of the member's needs by the case manager with the member and/or the member's family, guardian, or representative, in tandem with the completion of the cost-effectiveness study. Refer to Exhibit 1300-1 for information regarding service codes and modifiers. The exhibit outlines services, when provided to a member utilizing the AWC member-directed option, must be authorized with a service code modifier. The modifier allows AHCCCS to track utilization of the AWC member-directed option and claim appropriate Federal reimbursement. Members are not precluded from receiving other medically necessary services.